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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Special Meeting Held in
Room 2125, Temporary "M" Building
26th Street and Constitution Avenue, N. W.

2 February 1956

PRESENT

25X1A9a Dr. Otto E. Guthe, CIA, Chairman
[REDACTED], CIA, Vice Chairman
Colonel William C. Baird, Air Force
Mr. Bennett Davis, Navy
Mr. Edward Doherty, State
Mr. John Easton, JCS
Mr. Kingsley Hamilton, Air Force
Comdr. Robert E. Hawthorne, Navy
Mr. Duncan Holmes, Army
Comdr. Burns W. Spore, Navy
Mr. Daniel Gagon, Air Force, Chairman, EIC Working Group on Guided Missiles
[REDACTED], CIA
[REDACTED] EIC, Principal Staff Economist
[REDACTED] , EIC, Executive Secretary

EIC WORKING GROUP ON SINO-SOVIET BLOC ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES PERTAINING TO
UNDERDEVELOPED AREAS

1. Discussion: After describing the desire of Mr. Joseph Dodge, Chairman of the Council of Foreign Economic Policy, to receive coordinated intelligence support in regard to the subject problem, the Chairman distributed proposed terms of reference for an EIC Working Group to provide the intelligence requested. The members considered these draft terms of reference in detail, suggesting a number of minor modifications. The State Department member stated that he hoped OIR could make available a suitable chairman for the new group and Mr. Henry Brodie was then suggested, subject to availability.

2. Action: The EIC (with the exception of the Navy member who re-served his position) approved terms of reference for the new group (here attached). The members also voted to approve Mr. Brodie as the new

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chairman subject to the State Department's confirmation of his availability. (Navy withdrew its reservations and approved the Terms of Reference on 8 February 1956).

REVISED REPORT OF GUIDED MISSILES WORKING GROUP

3. Discussion: The Chairman recapped the principal issues which had been raised at the previous week's EIC consideration of the report of the Guided Missiles Working Group. Following general discussion, in which the Chairman of the Guided Missiles Working Group participated, the Air Force member proposed that the revised report of the Working Group be "noted", without EIC action on the specific recommendations -- with some of which various members disagreed. Several members expressed a desire for guidance from the new IAC Guided Missiles Intelligence Committee before undertaking further EIC activity in this field. In the interest of avoiding further delay in obtaining the U. S. counterpart data which members of the EIC Working Group had been seeking to collect, the members encouraged CIA to proceed with unilateral action to obtain these data as a straight CIA requirement.

4. Action:

The EIC:

a. noted the revised report of the Guided Missiles Working Group, with the understanding that this action did not imply approval of any of the specific recommendations therein.

b. authorized the Chairman to write to the Chairman of the new IAC Guided Missiles Intelligence Committee requesting guidance as to continuation of EIC activity in this field -- as a matter of some urgency.

c. encouraged the CIA to proceed, with whatever action it felt appropriate, to collect counterpart requirements previously drawn up by members of the EIC Working Group, provided that these were identified as CIA rather than EIC requirements.

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Executive Secretary
Economic Intelligence Committee

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